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Note verbale dated 18 July 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and has the honour to report on the steps that have been taken by the Government of Greece to implement the restrictive measures with respect to the Sudan contained in resolutions 1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 18 July 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report of Greece on the implementation of measures decided by Security Council resolution 1591 (2005)

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to SC Resolution 1591 (2005) concerning Sudan, by his letter SCA/1/05 (14) dated 27.5.05, has asked the Member States information regarding the steps they have taken to implement the restrictive measures with respect to Sudan contained in SC Resolutions 1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005). These measures are:

a) An arms embargo imposed on all parties of the N' djamena Cease-fire Agreement and any other belligerents in the states of North Darfur, South Darfur and West Darfur. This arms embargo has been originally imposed by paragraphs 7 and 8 of Resolution 1556 (2004) and expanded by paragraph 7 of Resolution 1591 (2005).

b) Travel Restrictions and Assets Freeze of individuals or entities to be designated by the aforementioned Committee of the S.C., in accordance with the criteria set out in subparagraph 3(c) of Resolution 1591(2005).

It is to be noted that as of yet no individuals or entities have been designated by the Committee. The above mentioned restrictive measures are being implemented by the Hellenic Republic by, among other, the following means:

1) S.C. Resolutions 1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005) have been published in the Official Government Journal of the Hellenic Republic, by the Decisions of the Minister of Foreign Affairs No 3401/7/AS 1059/1-9-2004 (FEK A' 166, 9-9-2004) and No 3401/28/AS 587/10-5-2005 (FEK A' 116, 19-5-2005), which order conformity with their provisions.

2) Following SC Resolutions 1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005), the European Union has adopted Council Common Position 2005/411/CFSP of 30 May 2005 and Council Regulation (EC) No 838/2005 of 30 May 2005 (amending Regulation (EC) No 131/2004 of 26 January 2004), regarding in particular the implementation of SC Resolution1591(2005) by the EU as a whole. It is to be noted, in particular with regard to the arms embargo imposed by SC Resolution 1556 (2004), that the EU maintains since1994 (by Council Decision 94/165/CFSP, 17.3.1994) an arms embargo with respect to the whole of Sudan (and thus wider to the ones imposed by SC Resolutions 1556(2004) and 1591(2005)). The above mentioned EU Council Common Position and Council Regulation are binding on Greece and the second is directly applicable.

3) With respect to the EU arms embargo regarding Sudan, which is (see point 2 above) wider to the one foreseen in SC Resolutions1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005), the Ministry of Economy and Finance has adopted Ministerial Decision No. 206342/E3/26342/12-8-2004.

4) Further to the above, the Ministry of Merchant Marine has notified the Merchant Marine Operators of Greece as well as all the Port Authorities of the restrictive measures imposed by S.C. Resolutions 1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005).